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EDITORIAL

Note from the editor:

Hello all,

I'm Sammi, your new editor. I've lived in and around Swavesey most of my life, and with my grandparents Cyril and Betty once running The White Horse, it feels very natural to be involved in something that's part of the village's character.

A quick and heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent GoFundMe. Your support means the Meridian can continue to land on doorsteps — something that clearly matters to a lot of us.

I'm looking forward to helping the magazine feel rooted in the village we all know... the familiar faces, the small joys, the odd quirks, and the things that make Swavesey feel like home.

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at:- www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 13 December	Bethel Baptist	Market St Carols from 5 to 7.30pm
Tuesday 16 December	Age Uk	1.00 - 4.00pm - Swavesey Bethel Church Meet & Greet the Community Wardens
Friday 23 January	St Andrews	7.00 pm: Dr Larry's Quiz Night
Friday 23 January Saturday 24 January Sunday 25 January	RADSOC	Cinderella Pantomime - Tickets swaveseyradsoc.org.uk - 07563 334555
Saturday 21 March	Swavesey Camera Club	Spring Exhibition 10am - 4pm in Swavesey Memorial Hall - Contact Simon Shore Mob. 07711 485114
Saturday 16 May	St Andrews	10:00: Plant Sale in St Andrews Church
Saturday 27 June	St Andrews	2:00 – 4:00pm: Teddy Bear Zip Wire
Friday 10 July	The Pantaloons Outdoor Theatre	Sherlock Homes and the Hound of the Baskervilles 7pm at Market st Green -

Our Retiring Editor

April Martin has been our Editor for many years and we wish to thank her for all those years of voluntary effort.

With the changes in communications, Facebook, Text Messaging, Email attachments etc, and being a dance teacher, she found it challenging to keep up with the technology.

In the end it was ill health that defeated her and so she had to reluctantly give up the role of Editor.

So April, we wish you a peaceful retirement and many holidays in your Camper Van.

Warm wishes from all the Meridian Committee.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



December

Friday 5	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 12	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 13	Bethel Baptist	Market St Carols from 5 to 7.30pm
Monday 15	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 16	Age Uk	1.00 - 4.00pm - Swavesey Bethel Church Meet & Greet the Community Wardens
Friday 19	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 29	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Monday)

January

Friday 23	St Andrews	7.00 pm: Dr Larry's Quiz Night
Friday 23	RADSOC	Cinderella Pantomime - Tickets swaveseyradsoc.org.uk - 07563 334555
Saturday 24	RADSOC	Cinderella Pantomime - Tickets swaveseyradsoc.org.uk - 07563 334555
Sunday 25	RADSOC	Cinderella Pantomime - Tickets swaveseyradsoc.org.uk - 07563 334555

Note:- January Bin Collection Dates not available at time of going to print

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CLUB REPORTS

***** HAPPY CHRISTMAS WISHES TO ALL *****

Always comes as a great surprise to be writing an invitation to our upcoming Christmas do, the President's Evening, when it seems no time whatsoever since we were inviting everyone to join us for our Welcome Night in September. Lots of cliches, time goes fast when you're having fun, or worse, time speeds up as one gets older, let's just ignore that one. BUT here we are again, one external 4-way competition against local rivals, St Neots and St Ives to be hosted at Ely on Wednesday 3rd December, and the internal prestigious Joe Sipos Trophy for Best Colour Print Competition on the very next day, 4th December, back in SVC, (to be judged by Jim Bennet). One interesting talk, but NB, on ZOOM, will be presented by the much exhibited Sarah Howard, entitled 'Capturing Mood and Atmosphere in Landscapes'. Sarah has shown her work widely; locally, in Oxford and Westonburt Arboretum. We have a new President this year, well known to you all, Penny Reeves. Let us see what intriguing games she comes up with, to keep us on our toes. This will all happen on December 18th to get us all in a festive mood, for our seasonal break.

We start again in January on 8th, hosting a friendly competition with St Neots to be judged by Naomi Saul. The following Tuesday, 13th, there will be a zoom advisory night to help us select our entries for our second Set Subject, 'Film Titles'. This will be held at the very end of the month, 29th January. On the 15th we are all asked to 'Talk about Pictures'. We must all bring along photos that we enjoy, our own or taken by others, and discuss them with our colleagues. We have what promises to be a most interesting Members Evening on the 22nd, 'Out of Africa', by our own local Travel Agent, Clare Dudley, then 'Colorado in the Fall' by Penny Reeves, and Audio visual work from Ian Johnson.

Plenty to keep us all busy in the new year. You are always welcome to join us for a small fee.

Mo Hadfield.

Swavesey Camera Club.

The season is well and truly underway, and all of our teams are settling well into their respective leagues.

Inevitably some teams have found the start of the season more of a challenge than others, but all of the coaches are very happy with the passion and commitment on display from our players week in week out, regardless of the score or the weather!

In sad news, despite the very best efforts of the coaches, our U17 boys team folded at the start of the season without playing a competitive game.

Moving from U16 to U17 is a very challenging transition with so many competing life priorities for players of that age. This is mirrored across the county with nearly 60 U16 teams registered last season dropping to just over 30 teams registered at U17 this season. It's the stark reality of the drop off of youth football at that age.

That said, the U17 girls' coaches have done a remarkable job in keeping their team together and it's so rewarding to see them competing so well in their league.

We're delighted to have seen the first few training sessions delivered to our new U6 team. We're always looking for new players to join our club, so please contact our U6 team at:

<https://www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk/contact/?contact=U6%20mixed>

As always, our key emphasis remains offering the young people of Swavesey and surrounding villages a safe and welcoming environment to play football.

Not everyone can win the league or the cup, but everyone can enjoy the beautiful game.

The three 9v9 teams have settled well into their new home at Elsworth and we remain grateful for the partnership we have developed with their sports club committee over the last few years.

Closer to home, the damage caused to the village green by the very dry summer was much worse than first thought and the 11 a side, 7 a side and 5 a side pitches were completely unplayable for all of the early part of the season. This affected four of our teams (U16, U15, U9 and U8) as well as the Swavesey Institute adult men's team, meaning we had to seek alternative locations or reverse all of our early season games, which has been far from ideal.



The Parish Council have invested in remedial works and to date over 40 tonnes of soil has been applied onto the pitch to fill the cracks. Groundsman Michael Church has also overseeded the pitch and undertaken other remedial work to try and get the pitch back to a playable condition.

Print deadlines mean we haven't seen the fruition of that work at time of submission, but the 7 and 5 a side pitches were the most likely to be put back into action first, with the 11 a side hopefully not too far behind.

We must thank Swavesey Village College for their support in allowing us to use the 3G facility as one of the alternative locations for some of our Saturday morning games.

In other news, our Ladies team is really struggling with numbers this season and have had to start some games with less than 11 players, or have had to forfeit games due to lack of available players, which is disappointing for all concerned.

The coaches are so committed to the team, but the sad reality is that if that continues the team may have no option other than to fold, which would be a tragedy.

The team are actively recruiting. They play on Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm and train on Thursday evenings during the winter from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining, please contact the coaches at <https://www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk/contact/?contact=Ladies>

Our U14 boys' team are also short of players. They play 11 a side football on Saturday mornings at Fen Drayton and train on a Wednesday evening during the winter from 6:30 to 7:30pm. The coaches can be contacted at <https://www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk/contact/?contact=U14%20boys>

In addition, we're always looking to encourage more girls to join our club. We're very keen to look at introducing a "Wild cats" team for girls to give football a go in a non competitive environment. For more information on the Wildcats programme, visit:

<https://www.thefa.com/womens-girls-football/get-involved/girls/fun/wildcats>

If you do have an interest in this exciting programme, please get in contact with us here - <https://www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk/contact/>

As previously mentioned, we will be needing a new club treasurer at the end of this season. Quite simply, the club cannot function without this crucial role. Please review the role profile and contact us if you're interested in supporting your local club.

Overview:

Swavesey Spartans FC is looking for a reliable and organised volunteer to join our committee as Club Treasurer. This key role helps keep our grassroots youth football club financially healthy, transparent, and sustainable — ensuring young players in our community can keep enjoying the game.

Main Responsibilities:

- Manage the club's bank account and maintain accurate financial records
- Record all income and expenditure, including player subs, match fees, and fundraising
- Prepare simple monthly updates and an annual financial report for the committee
- Support budgeting and financial planning for each season
- Ensure good financial practice and compliance with FA and club policies

Skills & Qualities:

- Honest, organised, and comfortable working with numbers
- Good communication and teamwork skills
- Basic Excel skills

Time Commitment:

A few hours per month, with slightly more around registration and end-of-season reporting.

Why Volunteer:

Be part of a friendly, community-focused club and play a vital role in helping Swavesey Spartans FC continue to grow and provide football for young people of all ages.

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Swavesey & District History Society

September meeting. The first 2025/26 meeting was well attended by about 40 people when Neil Dickinson, a former industrial chemist from Haverhill spoke on the toxic legacy of arsenic. The element arsenic is used commercially as arsenic trioxide, a white powder which is very versatile with a variety of beneficial uses ranging from pesticide control in crops to producing a brilliant green dye used to colour ladies' dresses. It is possible that the eventual cause of Napoleon Bonaparte's death in exile was arsenic fumes from coloured wallpaper. The Victorians said that arsenic is the answer - what is the question? It was initially collected as a waste product from hundreds of tin and copper mines in Devon and Cornwall. Devon Great Consols was a copper mine near Tavistock which also produced 70,800 tonnes of arsenic between 1865 and 1902. Mined as arsenopyrite (iron, arsenic sulphide) it was roasted at high temperature in a labyrinth from which arsenic trioxide was raked and shovelled out by men wearing only a handkerchief across their faces or cotton wool up their nostrils for protection.

In the USA it was used as an insecticide to control Colorado beetle in potatoes, boll weevil in cotton and malarial pests in swamps. In Britain it controlled a number of pests in apple orchards. Sticky flypapers had arsenic added to make the flies even deader and chromated copper arsenate was used to pressure treat timber to prolong its life. The Victorians said it improved facial skin. Fowler's Solution, produced by Thomas Fowler in Stafford, contained 1% potassium arsenite and was first described as a treatment for malaria and syphilis in the late 1700s plus lumbago and epilepsy and was prescribed as a general tonic.

A quarter of a gramme of arsenic trioxide is sufficient to kill a person and many deaths have been attributed to its use. In 1857 Madelaine Smith, a Glasgow socialite was accused of poisoning her lover. Although the circumstantial evidence pointed towards her guilt (she made purchases of arsenic in the weeks before his death, and had a clear motive) the jury returned one verdict of not guilty on the first count and a verdict of "not proven" on the second count. Because of its high cost, it was common to replace some sugar in sweet production. In Bradford in 1858 the confectioner was supposed to purchase gypsum (calcium sulphate, a white powder) but a mistake at the chemist's meant arsenic trioxide was sold. About two kilograms of sweets were sold to the public, leading to around 20 deaths and over 200 people suffering from arsenic poisoning. Mary Ann Cotton was Britain's most prolific female serial killer. She was executed at the age of 40 in 1873 for the single murder of her stepson using arsenic but is believed to have killed many others including 11 of her 13 children, her mother and three of her four husbands for their life insurance policies.

October meeting. About 40 people (members and guests) heard John Vigar, a former architectural historian from Kings Lynn, present "Bedrooms, Banquets and Balls", one of his numerous talks. This talk dwelt on the development of the English Country House and the people living in them. He started with the medieval hall-house then followed architectural tastes and fashions right up to the mid twentieth century. Life in the Middle Ages was firstly about keeping safe and comfortable but also about status. By about 1450 country houses were growing in size with added

rooms, mostly remaining empty but kept for the use of high-status visitors. Royalty often toured the country with an army of servants in tow but Henry VIII challenged this practice, reducing the number of necessary followers with the assistance of the contemporary Cardinal Wolsey. Wolsey set up a list of jobs for the followers to manage and wrote a job description for each.

The speaker looked at the architecture of the houses, their furnishings and the way in which the rooms were used in different periods. Doddington House near Lincoln, built in 1601 had three towers. Two were staircases but the third was a banqueting hall although at that time banqueting referred solely to the desert course of a meal. In 1604 the Somerset House Conference took place when peace was made with Spain and in the painting of the celebratory feast a rich carpet was placed on the table, not on the floor as in earlier practice.

We also heard about the people who lived in these buildings – many of them eccentric and memorable – and discovered the ways in which their whims fashioned the houses we see today. In the 17th century aristocratic houses often had a performing dwarf. Jeffrey Hudson was a dwarf who belonged to the court of Queen Henrietta Maria of England and his party piece was to emerge from an exploding cake towards dinner guests. Lord Anglesey lived at Plas Newydd in Anglesey and loved dressing up and appeared in his own shows in Plas Newydd. The Regency period was a great time for informality with bedrooms no longer private but being used for meetings by large groups of people. Most of the houses illustrated by the speaker are open to the public, but several private homes which he has visited offer a different vision.

The Easiest Quiz in The World. Qs obtained by Selwyn.

1	How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2	Which country makes Panama hats?
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4	In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
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6	The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
7	What was King George VI's first name?
8	What colour is a purple finch?
9	Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10	What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane?

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 19

Meetings coming up.....

November 10 th	Christmas cards and Paper Craft Workshop.
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December 8 th	Christmas Celebrations
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January 12 th	WI Resolutions/Silent Pre-loved Auction.
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February 9 th	"Make Do and Mend" (re-use, recreate and restyle your wardrobe)
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Swavesey WI would like to thank everyone who supported our Cake Stall and Raffle held recently in Market Street in September. This event was very successful and £355 was raised for Over Day Care Centre. Thank you very much indeed!

Our Speaker in September was Fran Saltmarsh, who is a speaker well known in WI circles for her excellent talks and presentations on Fashion. Her theme for this meeting was "Fig leaves to Feather Boas", a history in fashion from early times right up to the 1960s! A very entertaining speaker who also brought many costumes from various eras.

We host Compass Cafe on the 4th Thursday of the month providing a super selection of homemade cakes, coffee and tea. Do join us!

For further information please ring Glesny Sheppard 01954 201731 or Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.

Over Players Present

Performances 9th to 13th December
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Sound the trumpets! Tickets are now on sale for The Over Players 2025 pantomime: *Once Upon A Time* from bookings@overplayers.uk



Panto Land is celebrating the upcoming royal wedding between Cinderella's daughter, Princess Lottie, and Snow White's son, Prince Marvellous. Their union is foretold to break the last hold of darkness forever. Evelyn, a wicked witch in charge of Panto Land, vows to stop the marriage, fearing the prophecy banishes evil from Pantoland forever. But Prince Marvellous embarks on a quest to rescue the princess. Along the way he is helped by many folk from fairy land, all ready to battle against Evelyn's schemes and ensure a happy ending.

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Do you rely on a personal alarm or telecare device?

It's important to check how the Digital Switchover will affect you, especially if you also rely on personal alarms or telecare devices (like fall detectors or lifelines), which may stop working.

For many, the change will be simple. All you will have to do is plug your landline phone into a broadband router instead of a traditional phone socket. But if you don't have an internet connection at home, or if you rely on your landline every day, this change might affect you more.

Three things you can do now to prepare for the Digital Switchover

1. Call your phone company – Ask if the change affects your phone line or any connected devices. Ask to speak to customer services and use the number on your most recent bill.
2. Ask for help if you need it – A trusted friend, family member or neighbour can help you make the call to your phone provider or speak to your provider on your behalf.
3. Watch out for scams – Your phone provider will not ask for money upfront. If something doesn't feel right, hang up and call the official number.

The good news is landlines are not going away, you can usually keep your existing phone and number, and it's the responsibility of your phone company to guide you through the process.

We know that for many people, the landline is more than just a phone - it's a lifeline. That's why Connecting Cambridgeshire is here to help make sure no one is left behind.

Don't wait - call your phone provider today.

Local libraries and community champions providing information hubs for vulnerable residents

Recognising that older and more vulnerable residents are best supported in trusted, community locations, libraries are acting as information hubs for the campaign. Every library, including community and mobile libraries in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have free printed information available about the Digital Switchover. Particularly vulnerable residents, for whom their landline is a lifeline, should ask for a copy of the leaflet "Prepare for the Digital Switchover in 3 easy steps".

For more information, visit: www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/digitalswitchover

* Deadline confirmed by Openreach at time of publication.

Answers to Selwyn's Alphanumeric Quiz on page 13

1	24 How long did the Hundred Years War last?	116 years
2	Which country makes Panama hats?	Ecuador
3	From which animal do we get cat gut?	Sheep and horses
4	In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?	November
5	What is a camel's hair brush made of?	Squirrel fur
6	The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?	Dogs
7	What was King George VI's first name?	Albert
8	What colour is a purple finch?	Crimson
9	Where are Chinese gooseberries from?	New Zealand
10	What is the colour of the black box in a commercial aeroplane?	Orange

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Compass Café is run as a community event, a place to meet
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Swavesey Primary School PTA, St Andrew's Church
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**When there is a 5th Thursday in the month other groups
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Swavesey Library has just installed a fantastic new children's corner, as part of our redevelopment of the library in its new location - the old stage area within the old hall.

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The library is easy to find, our entrance is through a door into the college building to be found on the far righthand side of the Gibraltar Lane car park. Just follow the library signs into the college and along the corridor past the new college kitchen to our new location. The old Stage area within the old hall.

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and large print books, Children's – early readers to young adult books; plus internet access and local information.

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Wednesday evenings 5pm – 7pm and

Saturday mornings 10 – 12 noon.

For further information; - see our web site:

<http://www.swavesey.org.uk/community/swavesey-your-library/>

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Make sure you are protected this winter

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough urging anyone eligible for their COVID-19, flu, RSV or pneumococcal vaccines to make sure they've had them this winter. Each vaccine has a slightly different eligibility criteria:

- RSV vaccine – for anyone who is pregnant, aged 75-79, or anyone who turned 80 years old from 1 September 2024.
- Pneumococcal vaccine – for anyone 65 or over (only one dose is needed).
- Flu vaccine – for anyone aged 65 or over (including those who will be 65 by 31 March 2025); have certain long-term health conditions; are pregnant; live in a care home; are the main carer for an older or disabled person, or receive a carer's allowance; or live with someone who has a weakened immune system.
- COVID-19 vaccine – for anyone aged 75+; those aged between six months and 74 years and have a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment; and people who live in a care home for older adults.

For some people who have got used to having their COVID-19 and flu vaccine together in winter, this might mean a change for them as the COVID-19 vaccine age criteria has changed from people over 65 to people over 75.

To find out more about these vaccines, and how to book them, or find a walk-in clinic, please visit The Vaccinators website <https://www.cpics.org.uk/the-vaccinators>



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Do you or a loved one need support to live independently at home?

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- ☐ Navigation and advice on local community services.
- ☐ A compassionate and listening ear.
- ☐ A companion to alleviate feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Book a 2-week free taster to see whether this service is right for you.

Contact Us

Email: wardens@ageukcap.org.uk

Tel: **07436 102 736**

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Primary School Early Years and Playwork Centre Wraparound Care and Early Years Provision - Mon to Fri - term-time

Registration Fee £15 per family for using Breakfast and/or After School Club

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3+ year olds to Year 6 children: £6.50 per child per session

After School Club 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm

For Reception to Year 6 children: £13 per child, family rate £12 per child

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PARISH & COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC Sue Ellington

Dear Residents

As you may know your postal election vote is now limited to three years and therefore may be expiring soon. At the start of the Summer there were more than 15,000 electors that needed to make a new application. That number is now down to just over 7,200. Where SCDC holds an email addresses for electors, you will have received a reminder but if there is no email SCDC will send you a letter with a new application form. But anyone who has not made a new application by the end of January will have their postal vote cancelled. You will receive confirmation in writing. But if I can be of help please don't hesitate to contact me.

So if you want to renew your postal vote. The easiest way for a resident to re-apply is online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote, or email elections@scamb.gov.uk if you have any questions.

The count down to a decision about the make up of the new Unitary Authority(ies) continues. SCDC and The City have decided to back a Unitary which only includes them. Thus leaving Fenland, Peterborough, Huntingdon and East Cambs to form the other Unitary Authority. The business case continues to be developed and will be presented to the Government by the end of November. I am surprised that more attention was not given to the various resident and stakeholder surveys and I feel we should include Huntingdon as we have so many links through the River and rural interests. But we have to wait and see what the Government decides.

As always if I can help please phone 07774 146331 or email:-Cllr.Ellington@scamb.gov.uk

Memorial Hall Newsletter

Oct 2025

Keeping you posted 😊

Over the past year, we've been working to improve accessibility in the rear car park. Following a helpful suggestion, the Trustees created a designated disabled parking space at the rear of the hall. This led to the addition of a new pathway from Wallmans Lane, connecting to the existing rear paving. To complete the upgrade, new parking posts have been installed and a fresh delivery of gravel has been laid. A big thank you to Andy from AMS Group helping us spread the load 😊



Grant Funding Success

Finally, after 3 applications, lots of hard work and determination, we secured funding from the Rural Prosperity Fund for Solar Panels and new Led light fittings in the Main Hall.

These upgrades will significantly benefit the hall by reducing electricity costs, allowing us to maintain current hire charges for another year, and helping us move closer to our sustainability goals.



For further information about the Hall contact Mrs Nicole Mullee:
Tel 07963 861791 or email memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk



Car Park

Managing the Hall's Car Park is an ongoing issue. The Car Park is only to be used by those who have hired the hall. Please remember it's a Private Car Park of a very busy Village Hall where people have paid to hire the facility. The Disabled Spaces are for attendees at the Hall.

Hall Meetings

The Trustees meet every 6 weeks to discuss managing the Hall and make decisions on maintenance and the wish list!

Upcoming Projects

The Trustees are continually reviewing the maintenance needs of the hall to ensure it remains in great condition for all users. Looking ahead to 2026, planned improvements include replacing the fascia boards, updating the corridor light fittings, and upgrading the heating units in the Snooker Room.

Fingers crossed!

HALL'S HOURLY RATES

W.E.F 1ST APRIL 2025

	HALL	MEETING ROOM
CLUB	£ 11.00	£ 9.00
RESIDENT	£ 19.00	£ 15.00
BUSINESS	£ 22.00	£ 22.00

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News September/October 2025

County Council Business

Highways maintenance items have been discussed with our area maintenance officer and we hope to see more progress in the next couple of months to complete awaited outstanding issues.

Various road closures are still taking place for utilities work, please look for reminders and details on the Parish Council website at www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk

Traffic Calming Projects

- The 20mph limit proposals have now been finalised and are undergoing CCC road safety team audit and formal consultation during November. The final plans have been published on the PC [traffic calming](#) pages of the website.
- Boxworth End-Ramper Rd scheme has been amended to include a giveway feature in Boxworth End on the north side. Updated plans to show the location have been published on the PC [traffic calming](#) pages of the website.
- Speedwatch. Regular sessions are now taking place however more volunteers are required. Please contact us if you would like to help: clerk@swavesey-pc.gov.uk

Guided Busway fencing

Work has now started, on the southern section, to install permanent fencing alongside the entire route of the busway. Parish Councils are being consulted with regard to formal and informal crossing points of the busway and how this will affect those crossings. Your PC is involved with these discussions.

The PC continues to liaise with our County Councillor to discuss all the outstanding issues. A [monthly report](#) from Cllr Chris Poulton is also published on our website.

Planning

The construction of the 70 home site off Middle Watch (opp Ramper Rd) has now started. The Parish Council is liaising with the contractor with regard to the impact during construction on the village. Updates will be published on the Parish Council website as the project progresses.

Boxworth Gateway, Tritax Big Box & Cambridge25 Logistics Sites Proposals

In the past couple of months three large development site proposals have come forward to Gtr Cambridge Planning at the Swavesey/Boxworth and Bar Hill junctions of the A14. Swavesey Parish Council is working alongside other local villages to raise objections and concerns over the proposals. Concerns are being raised over increased traffic, HGVs, safety around the A14 junction and the surface and foul water implications on the Swavesey drainage system amongst other issues. During October Gtr Cambridge Planning gave a briefing to the Parishes affected by these proposals to provide an overview and context in relation to the Local Plan. We continue to work together to highlight the implications on local communities as these proposals come through to planning application stage.

COUNCIL NEWS

Public consultations have been and will be carried out by the developers involved in each site and we encourage you to attend these and return your comments and concerns.

[Boxworth Gateway](#), [Tritax Big Box](#) & [Cambridge25](#) Logistics Sites Proposals

Fens Reservoir Project

Anglian Water continues to progress the project for a new reservoir on land north of Chatteris. A third public consultation is now underway and the Parish Council is involved in these discussions and is putting concerns and comments through. A large underground pipe will be laid through Swavesey Parish, as part of the route for water from the reservoir to flow to Madingley to a Cambridge Water treatment centre to provide freshwater for the Cambridge area.

Drainage

The PC took part in discussions with the County's Flood Team and representatives from the Environment Agency, Anglian Water, SCDC Watercourses and Swavesey IDB during October to look in detail at water management and flood risk in the Parish.

Village Maintenance & Projects

Recreation Green - As mentioned last month, due to the extremely dry spring and summer the clay soil on the Recreation Green has been opening up and drainage channels sinking. During October 40 tonnes of soil was brought in to fill trenches however the ground desperately needs rain. This has also meant it has been unsafe for the regular football matches to be played on there. The PC will continue to monitor the ground conditions and work with the football clubs, however we ask everyone to be aware of the conditions when walking over the Green.

At the September Council meeting, the subject of a car park on the front of the recreation green was discussed, with the Council deciding not to pursue this. The recreation green is a registered Village Green and Field in Trust, both of which hold restrictions on how the space can be used. Village greens receive statutory protection under Section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 and Section 29 of the Commons Act 1876. Both of these Acts are still law today. It is an offence under Section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 to damage or encroach upon a Village Green. Section 29 of the Commons Act 1876 states that it is only an offence where the encroachment is made 'otherwise than with a view to the better enjoyment of the green'. Therefore if a car park were to be provided it could only be available to those who are using the space for recreation. In any case consent should be sought from the Secretary of State before any 'work' or construction is carried out and additional land provided to replace that removed. In the Local Plan the Green also has a protected countryside frontage designation, identified to indicate that the frontage and the open countryside beyond should be kept open and free from development.

During September and October we had two instances of trees being damaged on the Recreation Green. One was set on fire, thankfully it went out very quickly and only scorched the grass and lower part of the tree trunk. We hope the tree will survive. The second incident was a tree being pulled out of the ground together with its stake and the metal cage around it. This tree has not been able to be replanted and a replace-

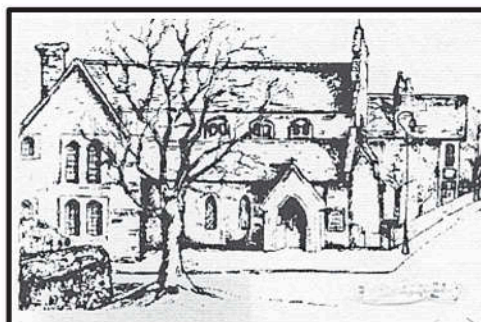
ment will be arranged. These were young trees donated to the village for the Recreation Green. In the first incident the perpetrators were identified and for both incidents the Police were informed and where possible action taken to follow up.

Sportsfield Field Project - Alongside this, the Council is progressing a project to turn the field at the end of Burgess Close into a community sports facility, which will include sports pitches, onsite parking as well as changing room facilities. The field was gifted to the community as part of recent housing developments. The PC is currently going through pre-planning and investigating costs, design, consultation and fundraising. More information will be available in a few months.

Ponds – Swan Pond and School Pond are having annual maintenance carried out and this year this will include digging out the reed roots from both ponds. The reeds have taken over the ponds over the past two years and this year most of the water also dried out. It is hoped to carry out the digging out work during November/December.

Further details on everything that is discussed at the Parish Council meetings can be found in the Minutes and on the Council's website at www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk

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Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council. All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.		



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St Andrew's Church



Services at St Andrew's

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You can find information about all our services and events on Facebook and online at A Church near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/>

Christmas Services

There will be a range of services at St Andrew's over the Christmas Season:

Sunday, November 30th :4:30pm: Christingle Service

Saturday, December 13th: Village Carols on the Green

Saturday, December 20th: Swavesey Community Choir Come and Sing

Sunday, December 21st: 6pm: Carol Service

Wednesday, December 24th: 4:30pm: Crib Service

Wednesday, December 24th: 11:30pm: Midnight Communion

There will not be a service in St Andrew's on Christmas Day but you will be very welcome to celebrate at any of the other 5Folds churches on Christmas morning.

A message from our new Team Vicar

Dear all, I'm Ed, the new Vicar in the 5Folds ministry team. My wife, daughter and I are really enjoying settling into village life and are looking forward to getting to know Swavesey better as we continue to explore the area. I'm also looking forward to ministering the beautiful Church. When I'm not taking services, I'm a serial hobby-starter, but the ones that have stuck are music (singing and composing) and competitive tiddlywinks.

Do get in touch and introduce yourself if we haven't met already!"



Ministry Team:

Rev'd Stephen Dove (Team Rector): stephen@5folds.org.uk

Rev'd Ed Green (Team Vicar): ed@5folds.org.uk

Canon Jan Payne (Licensed Lay Minister): jan.payne@northstowe.church

Colin Smith (Benefice Administrator): 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk

Churchwardens: Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774 and Bridget Lofts: 07732726228



St Andrew's Church



Diddy Disciples Sunday School



This is our new Sunday School for younger children. We sing songs, draw and make things and most of all, learn about Jesus. We meet every Sunday at the back of church. Do join us.

Emmaus House Group

We are a small group of people who meet every other Wednesday morning on Zoom to learn more about God through studying the Bible. We choose our own subjects and ask lots of questions but don't always find the answers! More details from Nicky Carne: nicky.carne@hotmail.com or the churchwardens.



Craft Group



Our group meets every other Wednesday to work together on group activities; have you seen our decorations on the carpark cross? You can bring your own craft activity to work on or just come to enjoy the company over a hot drink and cake.

Details from Jacqui Fuller: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Meet us at Swavesey's Community Café - Compass Café every third Thursday of the month, 10:30am – 12 noon. Enjoy our wonderful cakes and coffee.



Events at St Andrew's in 2026

Here are a few dates to put in your new diaries:

January/February: Snowdrop Walk in the garden of Priory House (date to be confirmed, look out for information on social media)



Friday, 23rd January: 7.00 pm: Dr Larry's Quiz Night

Sunday, March 15th: Afternoon Tea on Mothering Sunday

Saturday, May 16th: 10:00: Plant Sale

Saturday, June 27th: 2:00 – 4:00pm: Teddy Bear Zip Wire



Club Vintage - Wednesdays 2-4pm

A warm welcome awaits older people and the club is dementia-friendly. There is a small £3 weekly charge. Enjoy a rotating variety of activities such as chair-based exercise, singing, bible-based crafts, quizzes, games and entertainment from others.



Compass Café - Thursdays 10:30am-12pm

You will receive a very warm welcome at our community run café. Enjoy reasonably priced coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

Baby & toddler group. All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. Drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, including drinks & snacks for all! We hope you can come along and join us!



The Hub - Youth Group - Fridays 7-9pm

Open to all year 6 and secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. £1 entry fee. Parents must complete a permission form.

Craft & Chat - 1st Saturday of every month 10am-12pm

Bring along your craft and share a cuppa! Whatever it is you are working on, (whether knitting or cross stitch, painting or scrap booking) come and enjoy a relaxed Saturday morning with other crafters.



Sunday Services - Sundays 10:45am

You are warmly invited to join us for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to all and are family friendly with children's Sunday School groups for all ages! Every first Sunday of the month is our alternative all age, café-style service which include refreshments around tables, conversation and maybe even some crafts! We have a special Communion service once a month on the 3rd Sunday. At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.



There's lots on this Christmas season at Bethel. We extend a warm welcome to all!

Christmas Sanctuary - Sunday 14th December, 6pm at Bethel - Join us for a contemporary carol service, suitable for the whole family.

Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 21st December, 7pm at Bethel - Join us for a traditional 9 lessons and carols service by candlelight. The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.



Swavesey Village Carols are returning to Market Street.

Saturday 13th December, 5-7:30pm

Join us for carols with a live brass band, dress up & join the nativity, mulled wine & mince pies, Christmas stalls and a special visitor towards the end of the evening!

CONTACT US

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‘Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection’

Winston Churchill.

Reality, Not Nostalgia.

Until the mid–nineteenth century, nostalgia was understood to be a form of psychosis. In his Dictionary of Music, Rousseau records that Swiss mercenaries were forbidden from singing their folk songs because they induced a painful yearning to return to their country. It was Swiss physician Johannes Hofer in 1688 who coined the term ‘nostalgia’ the word combines the Greek for homecoming – nostos – and pain – algos. The condition was connected not only with a liability to desert but also with all kinds of physical symptoms, up to and including death.

It is strange then, that we quite enjoy a mild version of this dis–ease. More recently, psychologists have identified the ways in which

“Nostalgia, once evoked, re–establishes psychological equanimity. It elevates mood, self–esteem, and a sense of social connectedness; it fosters perceptions of continuity between past and present; it increases meaning in life; and it “fights off” death cognitions”.

Nostalgia group. University of Southampton.

Christmas time is peak nostalgia, and 2025 will be no different. Many will be experiencing a painful longing for home or the happiness of the past. Techniques to gain some comforts are watching Christmas films, listening to festive playlists and decorating our homes with tinsel and trees.

The church responds with sincerity producing activities like carol services and plays, midnight Mass etc. All to encourage us all to look beyond nostalgia and consider the reality of the advent season for today.

We should be asking the question, what are we really longing for? Whatever it might be it cannot be found by hiding from the chaos of the world or by smothering ourselves in a festive bubble or treating church activity as the religious equivalent of a shopping centre Santa’s grotto.

It seems to me that we need to control that heady combination of nostalgia, hedonism and sentimentality, both sacred and secular. Enjoy the memories, spend time reflecting on the tough times, and recognise that we are who we are because of these experiences. Enjoy the warm fuzzy feelings but keep rooted and know that it’s impossible to leave 2025 without the knowledge that we must take stock of the past and that the answers to the future are found in the one who came at Christmas.

Pastor Bob
Bethel Baptist Church

✠✠Christmas Services 2025 ✠✠
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Advent Talk

Saturday, 13th Dec 2025 after the vigil mass at 6:00pm.

Confessions

Thursday, 18th Dec 2025 between 7:00 p.m to 8:00 pm.

Christmas Masses

Wednesday, 24th December: Christmas Eve

Carol service – 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass -- 6.00pm

Carol Service – 9:30 pm

Mass during the Night – 10:00pm

Christmas Day

25th December 2025, Thursday

Christmas Morning: Masses at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Friday, 26th Dec 2025

10:00 am Altar Server’s Mass (Feast of St. Stephen)

Saturday, 27th Dec 2025

5:00 pm – Vigil Mass (Feast of Holy Family)

After the Vigil Mass Bring & Share Parish family supper.

Sunday, 28th Dec 2025 (Feast of the Holy Family)

Masses at 9:00 am & 11:00 am.

Wednesday, 31st Dec 2025

7:30 pm Mass (Thanksgiving Mass)

New Year’s Day Thursday 1st January 2025

10:00 am Mass (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

Please join us as we celebrate this joyful time and a warm welcome to all
our parishioners and visitors

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz
Sheddit!	Sheddit! is the community shed for Swavesey and surrounding areas. The group works on a range of projects and welcome new members who enjoy making things from wood and metal. Contact: Phil Cohen 07957 422292 Website: https://shareborrowconnect.org/
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk . For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, E-mail: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). Website: care-network.org.uk/
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Dog Lovers of Swavesey	Dog Lovers of Swavesey is a friendly group where anyone with a love for dogs is welcome with or without dog. Meetings are on the Recreation Green organised through the Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/dogloversofswavesey where we also exchange tips, ask for advice or have a laugh. Resources are gathered at https://dogloversofswavesey.co.uk/ . Contact: Matt at matthewyoung1@btinternet.com or Anita at anita.faul@outlook.com Tel 01954 232791
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/swavesey-your-library/
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/owls-community-car-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/		
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Currently seeking new members for this long-established club. We play each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the new sports hall at Swavesey Village College. Enquiries to Stewart Smith (07803 050234).		
Swavesey Girlguiding	Unit	Evening	Contact
	1st Swavesey Rainbows	Thursdays	caroline@overroad.co.uk
	1st Swavesey Brownies	Mondays	swaveseybrownies@outlook.com
	2nd Swavesey Brownies	Wednesdays	secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com
	1st Swavesey Guides	Thursdays	swaveseyguides@gmail.com
	1st Swavesey Rangers	Thursdays	swaveseyrangers@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans (swaveseyspartans.co.uk) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Paul Clarke (swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com) or Mrs Paula Land (swavesey.secretary@gmail.com)		
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Contact: John Pawson - Beaver Leader john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Cubs Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk		
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone (01954) 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.		
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in Fen Drayton Village Hall, Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton from 7.45pm - 9.30pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk		

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk Or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Classes are in the primary school main hall at 6pm. The contact details are Master Louise Morton on 07919 050261 or email enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk . The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Val Sage Tel (01954) 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. (01954) 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on (01954) 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net Website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at:- www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk . We meet every Thursday, 7.00 - 9.30pm, 'Carole Shaw Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring Simon Shore (01954) 230848
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Swavesey & Over Cycling Club	We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Contact: John Craven Email: socccommittee@gmail.com Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJCKsZ SOCC or Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc

Fireflies Netball Club	Friendly local club, everyone welcome, from back-to-netballers to seasoned players. We have teams playing in CDNL and Fenland Netball leagues. Training is on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm at Northstowe Secondary School. First month is free. £15 per month thereafter. Contact firefliesnetballclub@gmail.com for more information.
Over & Willingham Cricket Club	We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of August. If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's). Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested. email - reesonhxx46k@aol.com ; Telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - overandwillingham.play-cricket.com
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/ Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambs County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737 391445
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker (01954) 231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	At the moment we organise interesting walks If you need a lift: Phone: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - (01954) 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Swavesey & Over Tennis Club: Club nights are Mondays and Fridays, 6.30-8.30pm. We welcome new members - further information our website https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc , or you can email us on SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com , or call Steve 07393 825027 or Melanie 07453 523999.
Swavesey RADsOc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954) 202757
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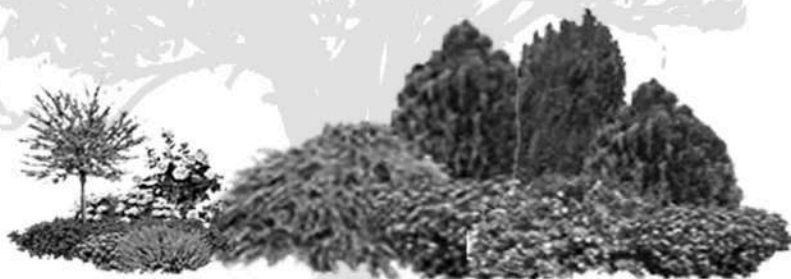
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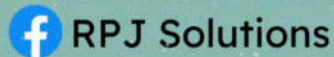
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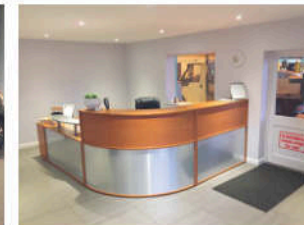
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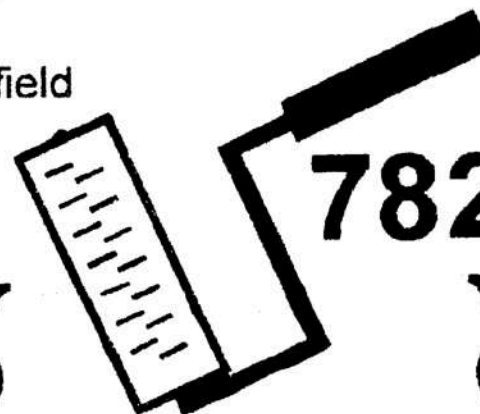
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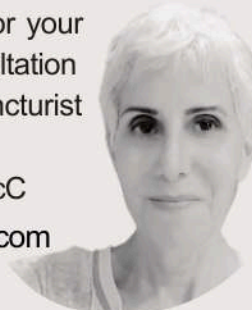
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It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date.

We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Doctor's Surgery (Swavesey)	01954 230202	swaveseyurgery.nhs.uk/
Doctor's Surgery (Over)	01954 231550	oversurgery.nhs.uk/
Police:		www.cambs.police.uk
Emergency	999	
All Non Emergency Calls	101	
Swavesey Parish Council	01954 202982	www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk
Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312 Ext 2	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/page/?title=EY+%26amp%3B+P&pid=59
Swavesey Primary School	01954 273312	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/
Swavesey Village College:	01954 230366	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk
Community Office	01954 234488	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk/community-education/
Swavesey Post Office	01954 232311	
Cambridgeshire County Council:		www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200	
Library Service	0345 045 5225	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries
South Cambs District Council	01954 713000	www.scambs.gov.uk
Electricity (UK Power Networks):		
Emergency & Power Cut Report Line	0800 783 8838	www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk
Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800 111999	www.nationalgas.com/emergency-contacts
Water (Cambridge Water Company) Leak:	0800 316 7676	www.cambridge-water.co.uk
Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	03457 145 145	www.anglianwater.co.uk
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0800 807060	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Samaritans	116 123	www.samaritans.org
Addenbrooke's Hospital:	01223 245151	www.addenbrookes.org.uk
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	01480 416416	www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	111.nhs.uk
Airports + Road & Rail:		
Local Taxi: Alpha Cars	01954 232300	www.alphacarsonline.co.uk
Gatwick	0844 892 0322	www.gatwickairport.com
Heathrow	0844 335 1801	www.heathrow.com
Luton	01582 405100	www.london-luton.co.uk
Stansted	0808 169 7031	www.stanstedairport.com
Traveline (Bus Coach & Rail)	0871 200 22 33	www.traveline.info
Local Timetables:		
Cambridgeshire Bus Information		www.cambridgeshirebus.info
Stagecoach	01223 433250 0345 241 8000	www.stagecoachbus.com
National Express Coaches	03717 81 81 81	www.nationalexpress.com
Whippet Coaches	01954 230011	www.go-whippet.co.uk
National Rail	03457 48 49 50	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Veterinary Practices:		
Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954 780027	www.villagevet.co.uk
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954 210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk
Vets For Pets (Bar Hill)	01223 243535	www.vets4pets.com/practices/vets-in-cambridge/vets4pets-cambridge-bar-hill/



Join Us!

Meet and greet the community wardens!



📍 The Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey

📅 Tuesday 16th December 🕒 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For a festive celebration and community gathering including:

- Chance to chat with others in the community
- Live entertainment
- Raffle (£1.00 per strip)
- Refreshments
- Christmas jumper competition





Christmas Carols

SAVE THE DATE!

5:00PM- 7:30PM
MARKET STREET

Saturday 13th December

CAROLS WITH A LIVE BRASS BAND

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

DRESS UP AND JOIN THE NATIVITY

CHRISTMAS FETE STALLS

CLO-HO-HO-SING WITH A VISIT FROM SOMEONE SPECIAL

TOMBOLA AND SO MUCH MORE!



Sponsor opportunities available, contact swaveseyvillagecarols@gmail.com